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The Near East Drive for Aid Is Now On. Chariton's Quota

CASES OF ROBBERY DIS-MISSED AT SALISBURY

There was to have been a preliminary hearing at Salisbury Wednesday of this week in connection with the three youths implicated in the robbery of the Wilks & Garnett pool and lunch room on the night of November 12.

Instead of a preliminary hearing there was a dismissal, that's all.

The names of the youths who were to have had their hearing in this affair are J. T. Hall, Geo. Phillips and one Shupe. The case was dismissed by Prosecuting Attorney Brummall.

According to the word brought to Keytesville the "star" witness in this case was not present, and he deemed it useless to bring up the case from a preliminary standpoint.

Undoubtedly the prosecuting attorney knows what he is about, but there are a lot of people who would like to see a few of these cases brought to trial, and more especially where the evidence seems to be preponderous.

The fact of the matter is that these boys are implicated some way or other. They were all seen in town on the night of the robbery, the 12th. The complaint was sworn out in due and supposedly regular form. Wednesday the sheriff and Edgar Wilks of the firm of Wilks & Garnett went to Salisbury to attend a preliminary hearing. There was nothing doing and they turned round and came back to Keytesville. Apparently, no one knows just why.

The fourth party is Laughlin Forrest. He has had his hearing and is bound over to the next term of the Circuit Court. As an average of held for conviction, this is good—one out of four.

In the mean time the public has three young men on their hands against whom there is grave suspicion and who are neither guilty nor innocent.

Personally, the editor would want his son brought to trial and either proven a victim of circumstances and innocent or proven guilty. If innocent there is a chance to begin over.

These boys Hall, Phillips and Shupe are now under a shadow and have no chance to make good save by years of walking chalk line. If they were just implicated and turned loose as they are without punishment of any kind, save publicity, they are dangerous characters to have at large. The average man will be just watching, on their trail, as it were, until they get something on them.

They were entitled to a hearing which they did not get. The dismissal is more of a detriment to them than otherwise. They were not given a chance to clear themselves in the eyes of the public. Acquittal in a court of law does not make a man guiltless. It simply shows that he was fortunate in the selection of his defending attorney.

Miss Elizabeth Agee, daughter of Mrs. Emma Agee, formerly of this place, but now living in Columbia, has been seriously ill with diphtheria.

J. W. Taylor was in Kansas City last week on a business trip.

SHE WON BEAUTY PRIZE



Here is Miss Maud Marchal, who was voted the most beautiful woman in the flower show at Aix les Bains, France. She was awarded a prize of 15,000 francs.

Necessary Governmental Power.
When respect for law is not voluntary it must be compulsory, else government fall of its purpose. This statement involves no policy, rather reflects necessity. That's why government is given power to protect itself, and employs that power when compelled.

POSTMASTER APPLGATE IN A NEW ROLE

A recent order was handed out by Postmaster General Hays down at Washington to the effect that postmasters now become detectives—indeed no other view can be taken of the order—which states that postmasters must now help locate missing persons. Of course, the postmaster does not act as an agent in matters pertaining to collecting bad accounts, etc., but if you are missing from lodge, from jail, from church, it is now the duty of P. M. Applegate to locate you. Hays has said so and it is now so. Of course, George has been seeing a lot of things lately that he couldn't help seeing. His very position as postmaster makes it impossible for him to do otherwise. He can't help but see all the petting parties held out in the spacious corridors of the postoffice building. He'd see 'em if he tried not to, and anyway a marriage license doesn't cost but a dollar or so and it gives a fellow the privilege of petting, for a life time.

Then, too, he can't help but see the letters another woman's husband writes to some other man's wife. Of course, he's not to blame for that, because during the course of a year's duty he becomes familiar with people's chirography. Hays, however, has not stated just what he must do in case he discovers some vamp attempting to put something over on some perfectly good, housebroken hubby.

FOUND FOR THE DEFENDANT IN COURT

At the recent term of the Circuit Court Prosecuting Attorney Redick O'Brien and Deputy Harry Polson and some ten other attorneys were in Keytesville to try a Ford robbery case. The trial was brought here from Macon on a change of venue, and for a while it looked as though most of the legal lights in the country were on the case.

The case was brought against one Arnold who lives near Holliday and it seems he had a car taken from him after it had been properly parked on Reed street. Cnaa. Fowler of Macon was later accused of having taken the car. Another car had been taken from a young lady living near Macon and the car alleged to have been taken by Fowler was claimed by the young lady and Mr. Arnold.

Arnold was on the stand here to defend himself of the accused theft of the young lady's car. The trial was on for about three days and the jury took one ballot and decided that Arnold had not stolen the car in question.

LEGION POST ORGANIZED HERE LAST SATURDAY

The many friends of the ex-service men will be pleased to know that a Legion Post was organized at a meeting held in the court room of the county court at the court house last Saturday night. The Courier had issued a call and some 15 or 20 ex-service men were on hand to help put the affair over. The Post will be known as the "Baldridge-Meyer-Phillips" Post. The following officers were elected:

F. W. Hill, Post Commander.
O. L. Davis, Vice Commander.
H. N. Elliott, Post Adjutant.
Herbert Kothe, Historian.
E. R. Anderson, Chaplain.
Application for charter has been made and the Courier will issue the call for the next meeting. There were 15 charter members.

THAT BASKET BALL GAME

Say, but things do go wrong occasionally. Here is the Brunswick team coming to Keytesville Tuesday and what they did to the Keytesville outfit was a shame. But first it must be known that Brunswick landed in the cellar in the conference games. Well, the score for the boys game was 14-25 Brunswick. The girl's game was awful. Just slip aside the curtain and see the figures as thrown on the screen, Keytesville 8, Brunswick, 52.

The Courier is offering on excuses. We got beat, and we venture to say we're having as much fun out of it as the victors.

Mrs. Sidney Coy died at her home south of town last Wednesday and was buried on Thanksgiving day.

George Colman and Miss Ethelene Cox were united in marriage at the home of Rev. O. L. Hunt Sunday.

A few years ago you were willing to risk your boy's life for the sake of justice and liberty. Will you risk a few bushels of grain for the same reason today?

For the plea of the Near East Relief for five million bushels of wheat and corn for the starving people of Armenia is just as much a plea in the name of justice and liberty as was the call to arms in 1917. The Armenian people, homeless, hungry without friends in the world save America, have suffered much because of their persistent loyalty to Christianity and the principles which it teaches. They have died by the hundreds of thousands rather than turn traitor to their faith.

They fought as our Allies in the great war. The peace treaty promised them an independent nation of their own where, unblemished, they might till their soil and carry on their business in peace and quiet. But this peace and quiet have not been theirs. Even since the Armistice those who have patiently made their way back to their old homes from the land of exile; have been driven forth again and again by the warring armies from the north and west. Their crops have been trampled under foot, their harvests destroyed.

Huddled together in the refugee camps of the Near East Relief, these pitiful remnants of a faithful nation wait now hopefully for the coming spring. Yet for them there can be no coming spring if foodstuffs from America are not sent over. There can be no 1922 harvests if the farmers of America do not share with them the surplus of their 1921 harvests.

The Near East Relief is issuing a call for five million bushels of grain. Just five million out of more than eight hundred million that will be harvested from American fields this season; just a few bushels from you. Will you not remain faithful to the cause for which you offered your boy in 1917? To the extent of a little of your surplus grain will you not show your loyalty to the ideals and their aith for which these martyred people have suffered so much?

Chariton County's quota is two cars of corn. The local elevators have generously volunteered to handle this grain. Won't you leave a few bushels of corn at your elevator for this worthy cause. If it is not possible for you to deliver this, kindly let me know and I shall make arrangements to have some one bring this in. If you have no corn, wheat will do as well. In the name of suffering humanity, I urge you to do your bit. Give grain or money.

A. R. Gross, Brunswick, Mo., county Grain Chairman. Chas. S. Dameron, Keytesville, Mo., Chairman Keytesville and Bowling Green Townships.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

In order to comply with request I shall write this article, hoping that it may serve to encourage you—reader—to give liberally to the poor, helpless, dependent ones.

I shall not write of the condition, but upon the spirit of giving.

I shall base my article upon the word of God for it is the basis of all good, noble deeds. I am by the Bible, like a student of the National Institute of Washington, who said: "I have always found in my scientific study, that when I could get the Bible to say anything on the subject, it always afforded me a firm platform to stand upon and another round in the ladder by which I could safely ascend."

Almsgiving is the natural, the necessary, expression of a healthy Christian character. We are taught, not only by precept, but by experience, that it was more blessed to give than to receive. The whole life of Jesus was a life of service. For, said He, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Jesus did not live and accumulate for self, but for others. I think God is pleased to see us lay in store to a certain per cent, but He certainly urges us to realize the highest motive in life, which is "Service."

Certainly this is an opportune time to serve those devastated countries. Jesus found such joy in serving that when He was even hungry Himself, and was entreated to eat, that He replied, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." It was meat to Him to give to that poor thirsty Samaritan woman. He did not send her away thirsty, but gave unto her that living water. Again, and thousands followed and remained with Him for three days. The disciples said, "send them away that they might buy something to eat." Jesus said, "No, lest they faint on the way. Give ye them to eat." He would not send them away hungry. He fed them.

When Jesus would instruct the lawyer as to who might be counted as a neighbor, He gave a parable. It was this: A Jew going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, fell among thieves, and was robbed of money and clothes. A priest and a levite passed the poor sufferer up, but a Samaritan, who was of another race, ministered to the man's needs; took him to the inn and paid for his board and doctor bill. "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

A lady, it is related, visited New York City, and saw on the side walk a ragged, cold and hungry little girl, gazing wistfully at some of the cakes in a shop window. The lady stopped and taking the little girl by the hand, led her into the store. Though the lady was aware that bread might be better for the child than cake, yet desiring to gratify the shivering and furling one, she bought and gave her the cake she wanted. The lady then took her to another place, where she procured her a shawl and other articles of comfort. The grateful little creature looked the lady in the face and with artless simplicity said, "Are You God's Wife?"

May we not impress those starving people that we are related to God? "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me: Then shall the righteous answer Him; saying, Lord, when saw we thee and hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

You would see your near by neighbor and child perish for food and clothing when helpless. Will you refuse these something? No, you are going to help fill the empty hands that are stretched out to you.

BUSINESS BLOCK IN KEYTESVILLE IN

Sunday evening about 6 o'clock Walter Smith noticed a blaze on the second floor of the hotel and immediately gave an alarm of fire. It was only a few minutes until there was a large crowd on hand ready to do what they could to prevent a most serious conflagration. As it happened there was a few fire extinguishers in the hall and some one threw one of them in the room. No, four, and the blaze was soon put out. The origin of the blaze was found to have been from an oil heater which had exploded.

That the blaze was confined to the one room was considered exceedingly fortunate, for if the fire had gained any considerable headway nothing could have saved the entire business block as the city is absolutely without fire protection.

But little damage was done to the apartment to which it was confined.

Of course the entire second floor of the hotel was smoked up and considerable cleanup was necessary, but the fact that the fire was discovered in time was the only thing that contributed to saving the entire block.

HALLEY-BUNTON GROCERY STORE CLOSED

The following notice was posted on the store known as the Halley-Bunton Grocery store on Tuesday of this week:

"This store is closed and will not be opened until further ordered by the Hon. John L. Plowman, referee in Bankruptcy, Hannibal, Mo., HALLEY-BUNTON GRO. CO.

By Jno. D. Taylor, the Attorney. The closing of this store was a surprise to most citizens of Keytesville. The store has done a splendid business, and was supposed to be financially sound. The reason given is poor collections.

ANNUAL FARM BUREAU MEETING

All arrangements have been completed for holding the annual Farm Bureau meeting at Keytesville, Monday, December 12, at 1:00 p. m.

It is also planned to hold the annual meeting of the Chariton County Breeders' Association in the forenoon on the same day.

A full attendance of all farmers interested in live stock or in any phase of the farm is expected. We are expecting good speakers at this time. Mr. C. B. Denman, State Organizer for the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation has definitely promised to be with us at the afternoon meeting.

The County Agent will give his annual report at that time. New officers for the Farm Bureau will be elected and this is your opportunity to come in and have a say on how the work shall be carried on next year.

We are expecting to have Mr. Cogel, Field Representative of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association with us for a talk to the live stock men in the forenoon.

Make plans now to come and spend the day, and help in the agricultural progress of Chariton County.

R. D. JAY, County Agent.

\$50,000.00 FIRE AT HALLSVILLE, MISSOURI

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 28.—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed the postoffice and five store buildings at Hallsville, a small town 13 miles north of here. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. There is no fire protection in this town.

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REV. O. L. HUNT, Pastor Methodist Church.

T. F. WHITE, COLLECTOR

How many of the Courier family can tell who is T. F. White, Keytesville, and why?

Who knows just what his particular mission in life just at this time happens to be?

How many are going to "get his goat" quite shortly?

Why? Well, there's a reason. There's going to be a multitude of goat roused hereabout and the reason is that this same T. F. is going to start out collecting taxes. Ah, that's the mystic word—taxes.

Under the regime of Hyde there's going to be a vast difference between the couple of shillings you shelled out in 1920 and this year, 1921.

Now T. F. is human, and he's going to collect taxes from humans. There is going to be quite a fuss. It is predicted that the feathers will fly and that alterations will arise and after you have told T. F. just what you think in plain language, T. F. will try to show you that he is entirely guiltless and that he has nothing to do with the increase. The average fellow that is accosted by the genial collector will reply, "taxes, sure I'll pay." Reaches for his check book and meekly asks the amount. kidding. Last year I only paid

"What, \$73.19? Say, quit your \$37.91." T. F. will merely reply that it does seem rather high, but that he has nothing to do with it, except to collect. Poor Mr. Average Citizen will reply that the 1921 figures are just naturally turned clear round.

Mad? Of course he's mad. Mr. Average Citizen is justly indignant, too; T. F. is beginning to get peevish. Directly he'll be almost ashamed to approach any Mr. Average Citizen. It will dawn on him that they are either all wrong or being imposed on, and directly he'll come to know that this job of tax collecting is not what it was supposed to be.

Mr. Average citizen is a meek sort of fellow. He is easily overcome by shock and many of them will need restoratives soon after T. F. makes his little official entree, he'll need a little something to quiet his nerves and right here is where many will admit prohibition is a failure. There will be nothing to revive them with. Of course, T. F. won't be to blame for that, either, but it does seem as if this official visit of the tax collector might be postponed until after the holidays. Gosh, some of us will not be able to buy the little things that friend wife has hinted about—after T. F. has had his say.

Oh, well, these things will probably work out some way. You know how you felt the next morning after the all-night session of the national game. How blue and cold and heartless things seemed in general?

This tax question, too, has its aftermath, so to speak. You fellows who helped make Missouri Republic wanted a change—you must have, for you voted that way. Well, you got it. When T. F. White comes around, pay up. Be a good sport, and say you like it. T. F.'s not to blame. It is the people who wanted a change that are to blame.

Well, they got the change. No, T. F. will NOT carry anything "on his hip" to revive you after you get the amount of your 1921 tax.

PRELIMINARY HEARING POSTPONED TO DEC. 9

Murie McSparren, who was brought to Keytesville one day last week and lodged in the county bastille, on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Musselfork, was to have had his hearing on Friday of this week.

Prosecuting Attorney Brummall has sent word that the case will be postponed until December 9.

INDICTED OIL SALESMEN ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

Fulton, Mo., Nov. 28.—Prosecuting attorney W. B. Whitlow was notified today by State Senator Jno. D. Taylor of Keytesville, attorney for O. R. Six and J. P. Meiners, Kansas City oil salesmen, that he will ask for a change of venue when the cases of the men are called at the December term of the Callaway County Circuit Court. They are charged with obtaining money from Callaway farmers under false pretenses in the sale of Oklahoma oil units. Taylor did not indicate in what county he would ask that the trials be held.

Henry Player of Hamden was in town Monday on business.



Part of Premier Lloyd George's holiday in Scotland was spent at Blair castle, seat of the Duke of Atholl, who is here seen helping Lloyd George across the moor.